are becoming increasingly strained because of the boundary disputes between the States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a Commission for re-demarcation of the boundaries of the concerned States; if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the manner in which Government propose to settle the boundary disputes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) There exists a boundary dispute between the States of Assam and Nagaland on the basis of a claim laid by Nagaland to certain territories which constitutionally form part of the State of Assam. Assam has also boundary problems with the States of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(d) A Tripartite Committee consisting of the representatives of Government of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Survey of India is already in existence since 1979 to resolve the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh boundary issue. The Chief Ministers of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have been requested to discuss the issue to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution on this matter with the help of Survey of India, if necessary. As regards the boundary problems between Assam and Meghalaya, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Y. V. Chandrachud, the former Chief Justice of India has been appointed by the State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya with mutually acceptable terms of reference to give an interpretation of the Constitutional boundary between Assam and Meghalaya.

It has been suggested to the Governments of Assam and Nagaland that they may consider appointing an Advisor, mutually acceptable to both the State Governments for the purpose of going into the dispute and whose decision regarding the dispute will be binding on both the Governments.

Export of Automobile Parts

1047. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative percentage of decline in the export of automobile parts during the year 1984-85, 1985-86 & 1986-87 till date and how does it compare in terms of foreign exchange earnings,

(b) what are the major causes for the decline in the export of automobile parts stating the country|countries which have shown lesser interest in the imports of automobile parts from the country; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to step up its exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Exports of automobile parts during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value exports	Percentage decline over previous year
1984-85	42·43	
1985-86 (Prov.)	36·00	15·15%
1986-87 (Prov.)	35·00	2·8%

(b) The major decline in exports of automobile components is accounted for by countries in West Asia and Africa. This has been on account of balance of payment problems being faced by these countries.

(c) The Government has announced a package of measures for boosting exports.

The measures *inter-alia* include liberalisation of licensing procedures, a new CCS regime to compensate for the cascading effect of domestic taxation, allowing large houses to manufacture items reserved for the small scale sector provided 60 per cent of the production is exported and the units are located in a backward area; supply of some domestic raw materials at international prices easier access to imported raw materials and consumables; imports of capital equipment at 'Zero' or low rate of duties; reduction in rates of pre and post-shipment credit; more liberal debt, equity ratio for thrust industries; permission to exporters to utilise 5-10 per cent of their net foreign exchange earnings for identified export promotion activities etc. These measures are also applicable to the automobile components export sector.

Activities of Israeli Intelligence Agency in Sri Lanka

1048. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Israeli Intelligence Agency Mossad, known to be the most dreaded intelligence set-up in the world, has infiltrated into Sri Lanka and that Pakistan and Israel have for all practical purposes become allies to contain Government's efforts to find a solution to the Sri Lankan ethnic problem and that Government have conveyed its concern to Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reaction of the Sri Lankan Government thereto; and

(c) how do Government view the Mossad-activities and the Israel-Pak alliance in anti-Indian activities in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government has known about Israeli and Pakistani nationals advising the Government of Sri Lanka in its military operations against Tamils. The Government of Sri Lanka had explained this presence as stemming from their security requirements and also stressed their inherent right to seek military assistance from any source.

(c) With concern.

Application of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Ordinance, 1987 in Punjab

1049. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have applied the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Ordinance, 1987 in Punjab;

(b) if so, how many persons have since been arrested under the Ordinance since its enforcement;

(c) whether all those arrested persons were brought before the courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of Refugees of Assam Riots

1050. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Government has declined to accept any responsibility of rehabilitating the refugees of Assam riots now sheltered at Alipurduar; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and